

Report on the Immigration of Summer Residents in England and Wales in the Spring of 1907.—The third Report of the Committee appointed by the British Ornithologists' Club on the spring migration of birds into England and Wales forms Volume XXII of the British Ornithologists' Club, bears date October, 1908, and relates to the spring migration of 1907,¹ with also some notes on the fall migration of 1906. The number of species 'scheduled' is 33, the arrivals of 30 of which are indicated by maps for each. There is a "summary of the records" for 65 additional species, for which in most instances the observations are few. The notes on migratory movements during the autumn of 1906 relate to about 25 species.

This third report, so far as it relates to the spring immigration of 1907, "does not differ much from its predecessors, and, as before, deals solely with the movements of the year, no attempt having been made to compare it with the previous year's records." The season was somewhat exceptional, "for though the latter part of March was brilliantly fine, wintry weather was experienced throughout the whole of April. . . . Stragglers of various species appeared at a somewhat early date; but the main body of birds arrived later than usual, and the immigration was at its height during the early part of May. As a result of this the 'rushes' or waves of immigrants were less marked and the actual period was in many cases considerably prolonged." As in previous Reports, a daily account is given showing the condition of the weather and the arrivals of birds, in parallel columns. The report closes with a list of observers, about 200 in number, and their location by counties.—J. A. A.

The Heath Hen.²—The Report of the Chairman (Dr. George W. Field) of the Massachusetts Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for the year 1907, gives the present status of the bird in its last foothold on the island of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Besides a brief summary of its former range and early widespread extirpation, there are several pages devoted to an account of its present status and habits as personally observed by Dr. Field and his assistant Mr. Gates in May, 1906, and recommendations of measures to be taken to ensure its protection and future increase.

¹ Report on the Immigration of Summer Residents in the Spring of 1907: Also Notes on the migratory movements during the Autumn of 1906. By the Committee appointed by the British Ornithologists' Club = Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club, Vol. XX, October, 1908. Pp. 202, with 30 maps.

The previous reports of the Committee are, 1st, for 1905, 2d, for 1906, and form respectively volumes, XVII and XX of the 'Bulletin' of the British Ornithologist's Club, noticed in this journal as follows: Auk, XXIII, Oct. 1906, p. 472; *ibid.*, XXIV, July, 1907, p. 357.

² A Report upon the Eastern Pinnated Grouse or Heath Hen (*Tympanuchus cupido*). An anonymous repaged reprint of 13 pages, from the Forty-second Annual Report of the Massachusetts Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for the year ending December 31, 1907.